WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States Chamber of Commerce today presented Representative Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA-02) with its prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award for his support of pro-growth legislation during the second session of the 110th Congress.

"Representative Bishop has proven to be an effective ally to the business community, supporting legislation that helps grow the economy and creates new jobs for hardworking Americans," said Tom Donohue, Chamber president and CEO. "The Chamber is grateful for Sanford's commitment to these important issues and is proud to present him with this award."

"I am proud to have earned this award from the Chamber once again," said Representative Bishop, who has been honored with the Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise Award each year since 2004. "I pledge to continue doing my dead-level best to support legislation that creates jobs and economic opportunities for Southwest Georgians."

The Chamber's prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award is given annually to members of Congress based on rankings it gives for key business votes outlined in its yearly publication How They Voted.

These designated key votes are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at least 70% of those votes receive the award.

The Chamber key-voted 11 Senate and 20 House votes in 2007, including a trade promotion agreement with Peru, an extension of the Andean Trade Preference Act, an extension of the federal backstop for terrorism risk insurance, revisions to the rules of governing direct foreign investment, and critical water resources legislation to facilitate commerce at the nation's waterways and ports.

To view a complete list of the 2007 Spirit of Enterprise recipients visit www.uschamber.com/soe.

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